

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 403
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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mrs. Cherrie L. Holden to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for an administrative board to be known as the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, further provides that the Governor shall appoint certain board members; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist has appointed Mrs. Cherrie L. Holden of Germantown, Tennessee to a serve a term on the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holden is an exemplary citizen who have given unselfishly of herself, her time and her talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Ms. Holden has dedicated herself to a number of worthy community organizations, including the Germantown Park Community Association, the Shelby County Regional Advisory Committee for HIV/AIDS Awareness, the Teen Challenge Center for Women and Children, Shelby County Career Women, and the Welcome Wagon Club of Germantown; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holden has been an active participant in Shelby County politics; she has been a member and officer in a number of political associations, including Shelby County Republican Women, East Shelby Republican Club, Shelby County Young Republicans, and Republicans in Business; and

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WHEREAS, other efforts in which Ms. Holden has been a valuable leader include Baddour Memorial Center, the Women's Ministries of Evangel Church, the Salt and Light Network and FLARE; Ms. Holden has also served as director of the PAC and member of the advisory committee for Tennessee Right to Life, and as a member and Volunteer of the Year for the Chucalissa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, as a concerned mother, Ms. Holden has always been an active participant in her children's education; she has served as a board member and fundraiser for the Woodland Presbyterian School and a volunteer for the Germantown Elementary PTA and Germantown High School PTA; and

WHEREAS, lauded for her entrepreneurial spirit, Ms. Holden has been the proprietor of a variety of businesses including KISSES, a personalized children's book franchise; Something Different, a retail toy and gift supply business; and Rich-O-Matic, a vending machine business operated with her son; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holden is also a licensed government bond trader, who worked as an investment banker for six years; she was also the creator, producer, host and director of *Inside Memphis!*, a political issue-based radio talk show broadcast locally in 1995; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Ms. Holden has devoted herself to an independent record label based in Memphis, Ecko Records, and serves the company with acumen as their business manager; and

WHEREAS, always one to be active in professional endeavors, Ms. Holden is a member of the Memphis Songwriter's Association, the Beale Street Blues Society, The Blues Foundation, and the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS); and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Wooddale High School in Memphis, Ms. Holden knew the importance of furthering her education and began pursuing her bachelor's degree at the University of Memphis in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holden has not only devoted herself to academics at the University of Memphis but also has given unreservedly to the student body and the betterment of the distinguished institution; she presently serves as Chief Justice of the Student Court and has represented her fellow students well as a member of the Academic Discipline Committee and member of the Parking Committee; and

WHEREAS, for her excellence in service to the student body, Ms. Holden was presented with the University President's Award for the academic year 1996-1997; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cherrie Holden is the perfect example of a person totally committed to education, family and the highest ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, she is an exemplary citizen of high ethical standards and will competently execute the duties of the State Board of Education and offer her sagacious advice on matters concerning our children and their education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, also provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education shall be subject to confirmation by resolution of both houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Cherrie L. Holden of Germantown, Tennessee, to the State Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.